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SUBJECT: NEW JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TO PAKISTAN, HIROSHI NEMOTO

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY JANUARY 20 ANNOUNCED APPOINTMENT OF HIROSHI NEMOTO, 58, AS AMBASSADOR TO PAKISTAN, VICE TAKESHI KANEMATSU. NEMOTO HAS HEADED THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S OSAKA LIASON OFFICE, WITH RANK OF AMBASSADOR, SINCE JULY 1973, FOLLOWING A 1970-72 STINT AS AMBASSADOR TO KATHMANDU.

2. NEMOTO ENTERED THE FOREIGN OFFICE IN 1942 AND SAW WARTIME SERVICE IN SHANGHAI, PORTUGAL, AND GERMANY. IN MID-CAREER, FOLLOWING A TRAINING ASSIGNMENT AT A US UNIVERSITY, NEMOTO INTERSPERSED TOURS IN CANADA AND THE US (1954-57), THE MINISTRY'S TREATIES BUREAU (1957), AND THE JAPANESE UN MISSION (1959) WITH STINTS AS A VISITING PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AT THE DEFENSE COLLIERE (1953) AND HIS ALMA MATER, TOKYO UNIVERSITY (1958-61). HE THEN WENT TO RANGOON AS COUNSELOR (APPARENTLY DCM) IN 1962, TO MELBOURNE AS CONSUL GENERAL IN 1964, AND RETURNED TO MOFA'S ASIA BUREAU IN 1966. IN 1968 HE WAS TAPPED FOR A PRESTIGIOUS PROTOCOL JOB, VICE GRAND MASTER OF CEREMONIES IN THE IMPERIAL HOUSEHOLD AGENCY--WHICH SUGGESTS IMPECCABLE LINEAGE AND PERSONAL CONNECTIONS.

3. IN NEPAL, NEMOTO APPARENTLY MIXED LITTLE WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS. IN OSAKA, HOWEVER, HE CONTINUED A
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FRIENDSHIP WITH THE US CONSUL GENERAL FROM HIS WASHINGTON

DAYS. THE CONSUL GENERAL DESCRIBES HIM AS NOT FORCEFUL,
BUT A GOOD PUBLIC SPEAKER WITH AN EQU EXQUISITE SENSE OF HUMOR,
AS WELL-INCLINED TO THE US, AND AS ENJOYING BASEBALL AND BRIDGE.
NEMOTO'S ENGLISH IS GOOD, AND THAT OF HIS WIFE, YURIKO (A
SPARKLING PERSONALITY), EXCELLENT. THE NEMOTOS HAVE THREE
SONS; AS ONE IS STILL OF HIGH SCHOOL AGE, MRS. NEMOTO MAY NOT
ACCOMPANY HER HUSBAND TO POST.
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